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1997 GSNA Convention Eventful & Taxing!

If you were unable to make the GSNA Convention you missed a good deal of excitement and numismatic adventure. From the opening bell, Thursday, May 15 at 1 p.m. to the closing hours on Sat., May 17 there was constant activity on the bourse floor. Most dealers expressed pleasure with their sales. As for the collectors, there was something for everyone and many left the Expo center with smiles on their faces as lots of holes were filled.

The Exhibits were superb thanks to the exhibitors who participated; the efforts of Exhibits Chairman, John Sullivan, his father, John A. Sullivan and past Exhibits co-chairpersons, Greg and Lisa Heim who were extremely helpful. Chris Connell took "Best in Show" for his Byzantine "Emperors of Chaos" (ca. 8th Century AD.) and Harry Garrison won "the People's Choice" Award for his display of all 144 U.S. Commemoratives (1892-1954) housed in NGC holders grading MS-64 or higher. Larry Gentile, Sr. was given a special award by the GSNA for his service to Young Numismatists during the GSNA's 22 year history. Dave Wilson won the GSNA "Numismatist of the Year", the first to receive this award and the Watchung Hills Coin Club was the recipient of the GSNA's "Club of the Year" award for 1997.

On the first day of the convention a representative of the N.J. State Sales Tax Office came-a-calling. He interviewed a number of dealers politely taking down all information given him. The following day he was accompanied by two more sales tax representatives and apparently, an armed pair of tax officers stationed outside the convention facility. These folks then moved along the bourse interrogating dealers in greater detail. They had in hand, records of NJ shows dealers had previously done. Those who were properly registered with the state, having paid their sales taxes, were left alone. Those who had records to support their wholesale business activity, were similarly unaffected, but dealers, especially from out of state, who could not produce records, or who had not filed sale taxes with the state in the past despite having done shows here before, were hammered and hammered hard. Some were assessed as much as $750 in sales taxes owed to be paid in cash or have their entire inventory confiscated. The motto, "You don't fool with Mother Nature" must now be enlarged to include, "and the State of New Jersey." How this will impact on future Jersey coin shows, large or small, is uncertain at this juncture.

North Jersey Numismatic Celebration, July 29

An unprecedented event will take place on Tuesday, July 29 at the Sheraton in Mount Arlington, NJ beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is a joint meeting sponsored by four north Jersey clubs, Sussex, Roxbury, Hackettstown and Forks of the Delaware and underwritten by the GSNA and NGC. Speakers for this important event in conjunction with the ANA Convention are James Taylor, J.T. Stanton and J.P. Martin. Admission is free. **For additional information contact Frank Dolan, P.O. Box 78, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327 (717)-424-8809**

President's Message

When the GSNA Board hired Robert Breuggeman of Positive Protection, Inc. (PPI), we knew of his organization's track record in running major shows throughout the country. The GSNA had little choice as it simply did not have the personnel to conduct business and send out contracts and follow-ups to over 200 dealers. Jill Lagadere, who was the liaison between the two groups was so thoroughly cordial and professional during the proceedings that the convention was not only sold out but went smoothly despite the aforementioned crisis regarding the NJ Sales tax people.

Despite excellent attendance by the public throughout the proceedings, only marginal interest in GSNA governance was shown and no one came forward to either contest the nominees already tendered or to run for the two remaining offices for which there were no nominees, President and Treasurer. As a result, the GSNA Board appointed yours truly to fill the vacant position through June 1998 and Ron Thompson will continue as Treasurer for the same period. As the first Past President to still preside as President of the GSNA I want to welcome Frank Dolan as the newly elected First Vice President and introduce outgoing 1st Vice President Chris Connell as our new Parliamentarian on the Board. I will continue as editor of the *Journal* during this grace period. After that, all bets are off! I am sure that there are persons out there reading this that would be both qualified and committed to run for the Board and should. In this post convention edition of the NJNJ you will find convention photos by Jim Majoros, club and membership news and numismatic articles. Enjoy!

Arno Safran

Clubs Around the State

News of past and Upcoming Events by your Coin Club

Roxbury Coin Club

meets at the Roxbury Twp. Library on the first Wednesday of the month
Steve Sauchelli, President

In April, Steve Middleton received a "BIG thank you" from club President Steve Sauchilli for "stepping in on late notice" to give a fine talk on 19th Century medals. At the May meeting David Lange appeared as guest speaker on Lincoln Cents. "David is a creative consultant for NGC and has recently completed a book entitled, "A Guide to Lincoln Cents". In June, Gino DeTogni held another grading seminar in which members compared their grading of "slabbed" coins with the third party certification services.

Sussex County Coin Club

meets at the Elks along the Boardwalk on Lake Mohawk
the second Monday of the month
c/o Frank Dolan, Pres.
P.O. Box 78
Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327

The past three meetings of The Sussex Coin Club have been eventful, topped off by a very successful show held on May 25. In April, Mike Fey spoke on *Morgan dollar varieties*, many of which he discovered. In May, Greg Heim presented a program on *the Proper Cleaning and Preservation of Copper Coins* and in June, Arno Safran gave a slide-talk and demonstration on *how to Photograph Coins and Paper Money.*

New Jersey Numismatic Society

meets at the Helen Chase Room of the Madison, NJ Public Library
the third Monday of the month
Steve Middleton, President
P.O. Box 83
Boonton, NJ 07005

Since November, the NJNS had a speaker at every meeting. In May, Arno Safran presented a slide-talk on "Liberty Seated Transitional Dates Types and Sub-types" and in June, Chris Connell expanded his Byzantine series to include "What Byzantine Emperors Wore." NJNS member Mike Molnar's research into Coins and the Christmas Star based on Astrological beliefs of the period is being put into book form. Mike collects Roman Coins with Astrological signs on them.

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Clubs Around the State (continued)

Ocean County Coin Club

Meets at the Brick Twp., NJ Municipal Complex
the first and third Tuesday of the month
James Majoros, President
65 16th Street
Toms River, NJ

Members voted to retain all officers for the 1997-98 year. Jim Majoros, President, Mike Solimene, VP; Bill Smith, Rec. Sec.; Diane Mesaris, Corresponding Sec., and Roland Jean, Treas. The club's second Chinese auction netted proceeds of $81 for the treasury. This auction is becoming a popular event and another will be scheduled for next year. Show & Tells are averaging eight per meeting of which half are juniors. The "One on One" program with Dave Wilson answering a number of questions posed by President Jim Majoros was a tremendous success, so much so that it will continue at another meeting. Dave, incidently took GSNA "Numismatist of the Year" honors and received a $100 bond at the GSNA Convention. Eight new members signed up in May with 45 in attendance at the June 3 meeting. Thanks to Kari Brower, YN member Shawn Casey is now an A.N.A. member. Kari donated his membership fee. Speaking of Kari, she took first place for her Tokens & Medals exhibit at the GSNA Convention.

Hackettstown Coin Club

meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
at the Community Center on Main Street in Hackettstown
Robert Beels, Jr. , President

In addition to the wonderful ***'GSNA member clubs' meeting calendar*** published by HCC and ANA junior member Adam Parnau each month, President Bob Beels, Jr. has been issuing a monthly newsletter noting timely and upcoming events. In the May meeting notice he reviewed the Eliasberg Sale held last April. He also encourages members to bring in items for *Show & Tell* for the monthly meetings.. At the June meeting, GSNA President, Arno Safran was guest speaker on Liberty Seated coinage.

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Clubs Around the State (continued from the previous page)

Watchung Hills Coin Club

meets at O'Connors Steak and Ale Restaurant on Mountain Blvd. (rte. 527) in Watchung, NJ the second Tuesday of the month

Barry Allen, President
P.O. Box 4144
Warren, NJ 07059

President Barry Allen was on hand to accept the $100 award from the GSNA as the Watchung Hills Coin Club was voted "GSNA Club of the Year" for 1997. Dealer Dave Wilson, who sets up at Ocean County, New Egypt, Trenton and Watchung was honored at the May meeting as recipient of GSNA "Numismatist of the Year". The club continues to have excellent membership turnouts at its meetings with 15 to 20 participating at the *Show & Tell* sessions. In May, Chris Connell spoke on the "Byzantine Emperors of Chaos" or *After Heraclius...* and in June, Arno Safran gave a revised slide-talk on the many *Transitional Dates Among the Liberty Seated Series.*

the Currency Club of Chester County CLM-009

club contact person: Norman Aspen
meets at Community Room of the First National Bank in West Chester, PA at the S.E. corner of High & Market Streets on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

Ray Waltz spoke on Civil War Money during the GSNA Convention on Saturday, May 17 at a special meeting of the Currency Club of Chester County. CCCC members were given a $2.00 note if they attended the meeting. The club also held a special meeting at the New York Coin Expo (Spring NY International) on June 1 which took place at the World Trade Center and at the Memphis Paper Money Show on June 21, so it was a busy time for one of the most active paper money clubs in the country. In addition to their regular monthly meetings the club will hold a special get together at the ANA Convention in New York At its regularly scheduled meeting in May, Doug Wolcott continued his series on *Brown Backs*; this time placing emphasis on the varieties in printing styles and counterfeit deterrents.

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CLUBS AROUND THE STATE (continued)

Northern Valley Coin Club

Meets in the Social Hall of the Demarest Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Avenue in Demarest, NJ on the fourth Tuesday of the month
John Lorenzo, President
P.O. Box 148
Demarest, NJ 07627

At the June meeting of the NVCC long time respected member Manfred Anson gave a slide talk and led a discussion on "Coins of the Bible." Members were encouraged by President John Lorenzo to bring ancient coins for the Show & Tell. The club still has a number of Bronze and silver medals available at $5 for the Bronze and $15 for the silver. To receive them, send a check in the amount of your order to the N.V.C.C., P.O. Box 148, Demerest, NJ 07627. The club does not meet in July and August, but with the Coliseum Pre-ANA and ANA Conventions being held across the Hudson River in New York City, many NVCC members are expected to attend.

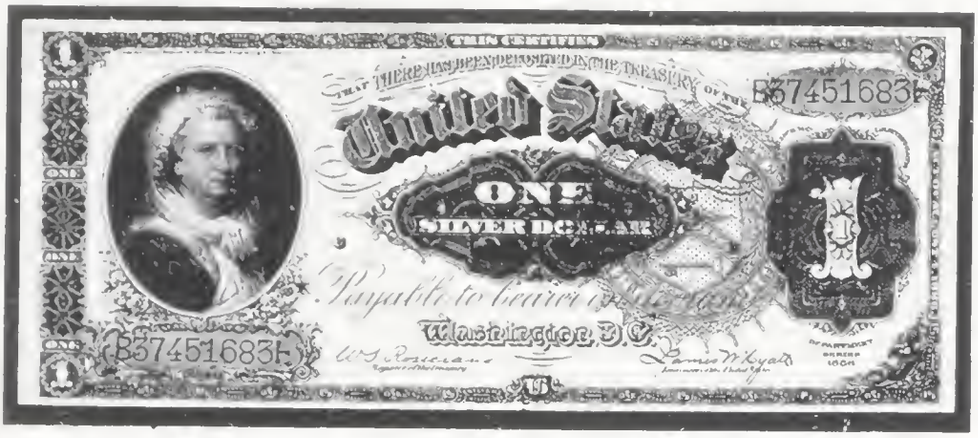
the Classical Numismatic Society of the Delaware Valley

meets at the Camden County Library on MacArthur Boulevard in Westmont, NJ on the second Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Phil DeVicci, President
P.O. Box 531
Moorestown, NJ 08057-0531

May was a busy month for the CNSDV as Kerry Wetterstrom spoke on "Hoards & Collectors' at the society's May 10 meeting and Andy Singer presented a program on Anglo-Galic Coinage on May 17 at the GSNA Convention. On May 31, during the NY-INC, held at the World Trade Center President Phil DeVicci spoke on "Roman Transportation Tokens." In June, Chris Connell spoke on "What Byzantine Emperors Wore". The club plans to hold a meeting at this summer's ANA in New York.

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE is a regular monthly feature of your New Jersey Numismatic Journal. If you would like to see news of your club activities in print, please send a clear typewritten or computer-font copy to the editor, Arno Safran, P.O. Box 605, Lakewood, NJ 08701. For the next issue, copy must be in the editor's hands by September 1.

The $1.00 Silver Certificate, Series of 1886

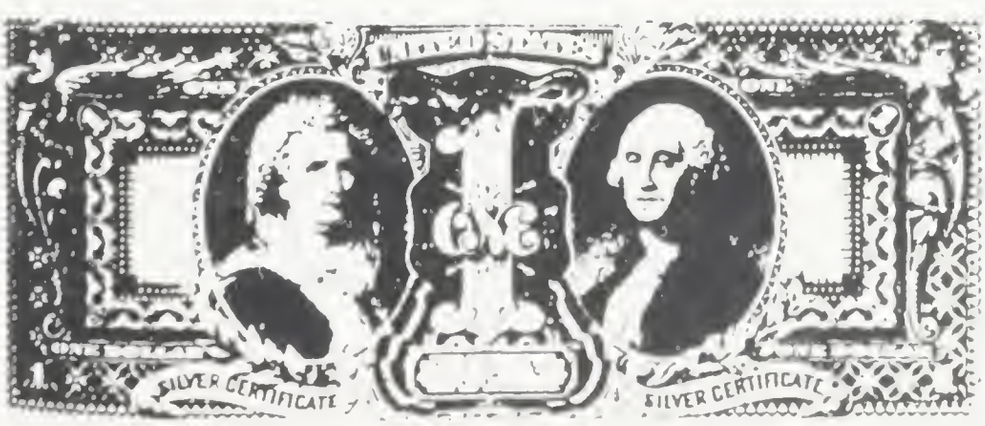


A Very Special Bank Note

by Arno Safran

Since federally issued paper money was issued in 1862, only one actual woman has ever appeared on a note and she is shown twice, on the face of one note and on the back of another. Who was she? All the other women portrayed on our currency represent allegorical figures. When it was decided to issue silver certificates in lower denominations below $10.00, the portrait of Martha Washington, originally painted by Jalabert, was placed on the $1.00 note beginning with the *Series of 1886*. The engraver was Charles Burt. Looking stately and elegant in her middle years and shown pictured in an oval frame with a shawl covering her head, neck and collar, she appears both thoughtful and serene. The note was reissued five years later with a less ornate back in order to make it more difficult to counterfeit. It is less expensive in this version as well. Both series however are affordable to the moderate income collector. An EF note will run around $250 to $300 (*Series of 1891*), about $100 more for the earlier series.

Martha Washington's same portrait appears along side her husband's on the back of the $1.00 Education Note, *Series of 1896;* also a Silver Certificate. Despite the overall beauty of this series the earlier issue bearing only Mrs. Washington's countenance on the face is nonetheless, a very attractive note and popular with paper money collectors.



the back of the $1.00 "Education" Note Silver Certificate Series of 1896

50 Years Later

by Jim Majoros

The year 1947 was not significant in numismatics. It was the year before, 1946, that the Roosevelt dime was first issued and the year after, 1948 which saw the birth of the Franklin half dollar. Nothing noteworthy in 1947. But 50 years later, in 1997, no one would have guessed two commemorative coins would be issued because of what happened in 1947.

Many baseball fans thought the signing of Jackie Robinson was a publicity stunt, but they were quick to realize they were wrong because the first black player to join a major league team was named "Rookie of the Year" for 1947. Two years later he won the National League Batting title and was voted the MVP (Most Valuable Player) in the National League. Jackie Robinson took the Brooklyn Dodgers to six pennants within ten years and Branch Rickey, Dodger President, never had any regrets about offering him a contract.

Commemorative coins honoring Robinson for breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball are being issued in this 50th anniversary year. Four designs favored by Jackie's wife, Rachel Robinson and the Jackie Robinson Foundation , were reviewed and two were selected to be struck as coins by the Fine Arts Commission. Proof and Uncirculated coins will go into production in July. The gold coins will be struck at West Point (NY) Mint and the silver dollars at the San Francisco Mint. Up to 100,000 of the $5.00 gold pieces and 2000,000 silver dollars are authorized by law and the coins are expected to be strong sellers.

Jackie Robinson, Baseball Hall of Famer, made 1947 special in the field of numismatics as well as in his "Field of Dreams."

AMERICA'S MOST VALUABLE COIN HAS MONMOUTH COUNTY ROOTS!

by Thomas F.X. O'Mara

I read in the N.Y. Times and Numismatic News various accounts of an auction in which a record was set for the most ever paid for a U.S. coin. The event was probably overlooked by most Americans but the numismatic community was certainly abuzz with expectations for this monumental sale. The coin has for many years been aptly dubbed "The King of American Coins" and was owned by Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. "The King of Coins": My numismatic curiosity piqued by the sale, I began to research this coin and came across various intriguing stories associated with it. Much of my findings focused on a couple who were part-time Monmouth County residents who were very influential in early American politics and involved with the development of our nation's original coins and even today's modern currency.

Philadelphia was the nation's capital at the time which was also where the new U.S. Mint was located. As America's capital, Philadelphia soon became its social capital as well. As the social scene developed, it became centered upon a large estate known as "Mansion House" owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Bingham. Many Twin River residents may recognize the Bingham name from Bingham Avenue or Bingham Hall. However, they may not be aware that this couple held tremendous influence upon early American politics.

William Bingham (1752-1804) was a descendant from a prominent English family who had originally settled in Burlington County. Educated at the University of Pennsylvania (class of 1768), he became the agent for the Continental Congress in the West Indies during the American Revolution. The

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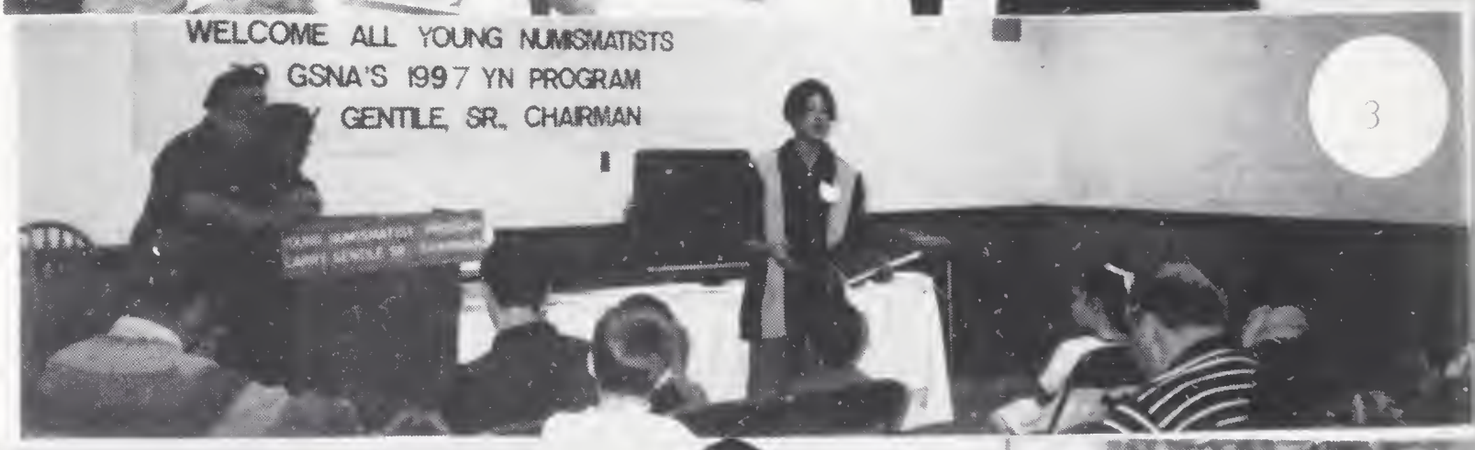
SCENES FROM THE 1997 GSNA CONVENTION

(photographs, courtesy of Jim Majoros)



1-Ribbon Cutting- (l to r)Thompson, Dolan, Majoros, Connell, Williams, Sullivan, Safran 2-Exhibitors-Rear: Majoros, Sebring, Connell, Kochel, Williams; Front-Brower, Oxenford, Gentile 3-YN Program-Adam Connell speaking 4-NJES meeting-seated George Skic, President & Al Zaika, past president & editor.

SCENES FROM THE 1997 GSNA CONVENTION

(photographs, courtesy of Jim Majoros)

5- (l to r) Dave Wilson-Numismatist of Year, Barry Allen, President, Club of year (Watchung) & GSNA President Arno Safran 6-Videos to clubs-President Safran, Dolan, DiVicci, Williams, Majoros 7-Awards Reception 8-Connell (l) & Kochel (r) receive appreciation certificates at Education Forum from Arno Safran, President.

America's Most Valuable Coin (continued from page 9)

position, which oversaw trade with the U.S. through the West Indies, enabled the young man to accumulate great wealth. At 28, he returned to Philadelphia where he married Anne Willing, then 16, but already dubbed "the Queen of Beauty" and spent the next few years of traveling throughout Europe. After they returned William Bingham served in the Continental Congress (1786-89), Pennsylvania Assembly (1790-95) and U.S. Senate (1795-1801).

The Binghams built their Philadelphia estate "Mansion House" on Third and Spruce in 1786. "Mansion House" became an unofficial receiving hall and residence for visiting dignitaries. During the decade after its completion, there was not a single person of political importance who could help but be influenced by Mrs. Bingham's charms or the Mansion House's opulence. The Binghams were frequent hosts to Presidents Washington and Adams. Diaries kept by George Washington and Abigail Adams are rife with descriptions of Mrs. Bingham's beauty and hospitality.

After the Revolution, to help the young U.S. Treasury, Mr. Bingham purchased two million acres of unused land in Maine from the government for approximately $200,000 and three and a half years later sold half to a London firm for $250,000. He also founded Binghamton, NY which bears his name. In 1791 he acquired a large tract of land in Rumson, NJ. There he built a summer mansion on the highest point which became known as Bingham Hill. Around this time, the belle of American society, the beautiful Mrs. Bingham, befriended a budding American artist named Gilbert Stuart. Anne Bingham persuaded President Washington to sit for Stuart and after multiple sessions a number of famous portraits of Washington were created. The most famous, of course, is the one which, in modified form, is on every U.S. $1.00 bill. It wasn't long before Henry DeSaussure, then temporary Director of the U.S. Mint, asked Stuart for some sketches for Miss Liberty. Mrs. Bingham became Stuart's model and his sketches were turned into plaster models by artist John Eckstein. Mint engraver Robert Scot created dies from these resulting in the 1795 Draped Bust Silver Dollar. The obverse design was used on all our silver coinage and slightly modified on our cents and half cents between 1796 and 1808. Our 1804 dated dollar was of this style and therefore preserves Mrs. William Bingham's memory for the ages on the "King of Coins".

Mr. O'Mara is an active numismatist and member of the GSNA and Ocean County Coin Club.

Answer to Coin Trivia (from previous issue)

_____Of the coins listed below, the lowest mintage 20th Century coin struck for regular circulation is the:

a 1916 Standing Liberty quarter, b. 1914-D Lincoln cent, c. 1911-D $2.50 quarter eagle; d. 1908 S $20.00 Saint-Gaudens, e. 1901 S Barber Quarter

If you placed the letter "d" in the answer space, you were correct. While some of the choices above are more renowned than the 1908-S $20.00 *Saint Gaudens*, its mintage of just 22,000 represents the lowest number of coins reportedly struck for circulation in a single year during the 20th Century. It is valued at between $850 and $1,000 in XF to AU and rises to $1,200 in MS-60 and $4,000 bid in MS-63. It is comparatively cheap however when compared to the 1901-S quarter (mintage of 72,664) which in Good-4 starts out @ $1,225 and the 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter (52,000) which in XF is listed at a bid of $2,325 by the *Coin Dealer Newsletter*, rising to $5,600 in MS-63.

If you have a *Coin Trivia* question or Coin Crossword puzzle you would like to submit, please send to the editor, c/o Arno Safran, P.O. Box 605, Lakewood, NJ 08701 by September 1, the deadline for the Fall, 1997 issue of the N.J. Numismatic Journal.

51g

Rare Maris 51g Jersey Cent Variety Replica Still Available

A large number of the 200 replicas of the Maris 51g *Head Facing Left* **1788 Jersey Cent** made by Ron Landis of the Gallery Mint Museum especially for the 1997 GSNA Convention have been sold. However, there are some left priced at $15 to GSNA members or those who belong to a GSNA member club. These may not last much longer so, if interested, please contact Ray Williams at 924 Norway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08629 or telephone him at (609)-587-5929 evenings or weekends.

GSNA Club Update

by Jim Majoros

Earlier this year, letters were sent out to our member clubs requesting they provide us with current data reflecting their club's officers, location, meeting nights and times. Of this number I am happy to report that thus far 15 have responded. Many have even gone further by sending our editor an update of their recent club activities. You can check these and their addresses in the **Clubs Around the State** section. (pages 3 thru 6) to find one that is located in your area. Other clubs you may be interested in knowing about are:

the **Plainfield Coin Club** (CLM-005) founded in 1961. It meets at the Dunellen Rescue Squad Bldg. at 415 North Ave., Dunellen, NJ on the fourth Monday of the month. Contact William Kazar, 217 Blake Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873 for further information.

the **Somerset Coin Club** (C-035), founded in 1967. It meets at various members homes. For more information, phone Stanley Bresticker, M.D. at (908)-249-0036

the **South Jersey Coin Club** (C-016), founded in 1949. It meets at the St. Mary's Church Hall on Buck & Depot Streets in Millville, NJ. For further information, write to Judy Kessler, P.O. Box 331, Millville, NJ 08332.

the **West Jersey Coin Club** (CLM-007), founded in 1958 meets at the Haddon Township Public Library on MacArthur Blvd in Haddon Twp., NJ. For information on meeting days and times, contact Phil DeVicci at P.O. Box 531, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

the **Hackettstown Coin Club** meets at the Hackettstown Community Center on Rte. 46 on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For further information, contact Bob Beels at RD, Box 1437, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

the **Roxbury Coin Club** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Roxbury Township Library. For directions and further information, phone Steve Sauchelli at (201)-361-4435.

(Other clubs that have responded that are not listed above appear in the *Clubs Around the State* column beginning on page 3 through page 6 of this journal., ed.)

Byzantine Emperors of Chaos

Part Two of a series

by Christopher T. Connell

During the years 685 to 717, the imperial government of the Byzantine Empire was in chaos. In these 32 years six different men ruled in seven separate reigns (Justinian II was overthrown twice.) Justinian's two reigns totaled sixteen years or one half of the period of chaos. The remaining five emperors thus averaged only little more than three years per reign. - desperately short terms for Byzantine Emperors. This series will introduce you to these emperors and their coins, one reign at a time. I hope that the articles will provide more enjoyment for you than these emperors' reigns were for the Byzantine Empire!

Leontius (late 695 - late 698)

Historian Sir John Julius Norwich characterizes Leontius' short reign as "deeply undistinguished." The only accomplishment of Leontius' reign was that Carthage, and with it the entire Exarchate of Africa, was lost to the Saracens, never to be regained by the Byzantines. This eventually enabled Muslim entrance into Europe via Spain. Leontius sent a huge fleet to relieve Carthage. Failing in their mission, rather than returning to Constantinople to report the loss, the fleet proclaimed its commander, named Aspimar, to be Emperor. Aspimar adopted the name Tiberius, and returned to Constantinople. Leontius' nose was removed, and he was dispatched to a monastery. For many years the coins of Leontius were misattributed to Leo III (717-741) in the then standard references of Ratto, Tolstoy and the B.M.C. Hugh Goodacre correctly identified the coins as belonging to Leontius, but continued to list them under the coins of Leo! Leontius' portrait is very distinctive, absolutely unlike the portraits of Leo. Also, unlike the coins of Leo, Leontius' are extraordinarily scarce.

This coin is a solidus of Leontius, S. 12331a, 20mm, 4.39g.. Obverse: Leontius wearing crown and *loros*, holding a *mappa*, and with the inscription *D.LEON PE.AV* for "Our Lord Leontius, Forever Emperor" Reverse: cross potent on three steps, with inscription *VICTORIA AVGU* for "Victory to the Emperor." A *officina* followed by Δ possibly indicating the regnal year 698, CONOB in *exergue*. This example is FDC, among the finest known.

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Upcoming Club and Major Numismatic Events Calendar

July 25 -27 Pre-ANA Numismatic Extravaganza NY, NY
Coliseum -58th Street and Broadway at Columbus Circle

July 29 **North Jersey Numismatic Celebration** Mt. Arlington, NJ
Tuesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel , off Rte. 80 in Mount Arlington , NJ
Guest Speakers from A.N.A.: James Taylor, J.T. Stanton and J.P. Martin
For info, contact **Frank Dolan, P.O. Box 78, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327 (717)-424-8809**

July 30 -Aug. 3 the A.N.A. Convention New York, NY
the Marriott Marquis Hotel - Between **W. 45th & 46th Street and Broadway**
Opens to the public 10 a.m. July 30

Sept. 13 Ocean County Coin Club Brick, NJ
Laurelton Fire House, Rte. 88 (near Rte. 70 & Laurelton intersection)
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Exhibits and prizes
For more information call, **Jim Majoros (908)-255-6911**

Sept. 28 Sussex County Coin Club Sparta, NJ
Elks Lodge on the Boardwalk - Lake Mohawk in Sparta 18 Tables - Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Info: **Tom Stepanski, P.O. Box 6273, Middletown, NY 10940 (914)-343-2716**

Oct. 12 Hackettstown Coin Club Hackettstown, NJ
American Legion Building on Willow Grove Street
Steve Middleton, Show Chairman, P.O. Box 83, Boonton, NJ 07005 (973)-627-0705

Nov. 29 Trenton Numismatic Club Fall Show Yardville, NJ
Hibernian Hall on Kuser Rd.
Jers. T'pke to Exit 7A; then west on I-195 to Exit 3B (3 miles); Turn left at first right.
The Hibernian Hall is a short distance on your left.
35 dealers - **Harry Garrison, P.O. Box 8422, Trenton, NJ 08650 (609)-585-8104**

[If your club is planning a show, please contact the editor, Arno Safran, P.O. Box 605, Lakewood, NJ 08701 at least two months before the scheduled date for inclusion in the journal. Deadline for Fall, 1997 issue is September 1.]

The GSNA Welcomes 12 New Members

1. Douglas Coil (R-1380)
2. Dr. James Boozan (R-1381)
3. Jack Cappello (R-1382)
4. Robert Beels Jr (R-1383)
5. Alfred M Ciolfi (R-1384)
6. Dr Gerard Fishman (R-1385)
7. Richard Goetz (R-1386
8. Roxanne Goldberg (R-1387)
9. Samuil Katsman (R-1388)
10. Chris McCawley (R-1389)
11. Thomas F. X. O'Mara (R-1390)
12. Jake Wood (J-1391)

JOIN OR START A CLUB! by Jim Majoros

During the late '70's and early '80's, there were nearly 70 member coin clubs on the rolls of the GSNA. 95% of these were located in NJ. Today we have 24. A number of reasons exist for the decline, namely, coin grading, coin pricing, poor leadership, no leadership, lack of interest, less junior interest, etc. etc. etc. The GSNA has published a list of the 24 clubs reflecting where & when they meet and who to contact. This list was available at the convention but copies are available on request.

In addition, if you do not have a club in your area or would like to start one, such as Phil DeVicci did recently, all it takes is finding a location .to meet such as a room in a library, church, school, municipal building or the homes of members until a place can be found.. Send a notice to your local newspapers indicating the time, date & place your club is meeting. They will print this in their community calendar list at no charge. The GSNA can provide you with a club organization handbook to get you started. Interested?? please contact Jim Majoros, 65 - 16th St., Toms River, NJ 08753 (Tel or Fax: 732-255-6911)

Need A Program or Speaker for Your Meeting?

Contact Ray Williams, 2nd Vice President of the GSNA at 924 Norway Avenue in Trenton, NJ 08629 or by phone (609)-587-5929 evenings at least one month prior to your meeting. Ray's in charge of Educational materials. He can provide GSNA slides as well as recommend guest speakers. and it won't cost your club a thing if it is a GSNA member. He will even send you GSNA Award certificates upon request for club members you may wish to honor or to present to those speakers who give programs.

GSNA Speakers' Bureau

Below is a partial listing of GSNA speakers and their topics to be updated in future issues. Contact Ray Williams (See below,) for further details.

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GSNA Slide Sets and Video Programs

Below is a listing of slide sets and Video programs from the GSNA Library. These sets are available FREE to GSNA members and member clubs. If you would like to borrow a slide or video tape, contact Ray Williams, 924 Norway Ave., Trenton, NJ 08629 or by phone (609)-587-5929 evenings or weekends.

Slide Sets

1 Greek coins from the 6th century BC to Alexander the Great (Seaby) w/script
2. English Milled Gold Coins (Seaby) w/script.
3. English Silver Crowns (Seaby) w/script & tape.
4. Scottish Coins: Gold from Robert III to William III (Seaby) w/script.
5 English Coins from the British Royal Mint (Seaby) w/tape
6. Coins of the Bible Days (Seaby) w/script.
7. Coins and Medals of the Renaissance w/script
8. United States Coins in Silver and Copper (Seaby) w/script
9. Byzantine Coins in Gold, Silver and Copper (Seaby) w/script
10. The Hellenistic Monarchies: Alexander the Great to Cleopatra (Seaby) w/script & tape.
11. Israel Coins and Medals reflect Jewish History and Traditions w/script & tape.
12. Mint Errors and Varieties w/tape
13. We Care About Eagles (National Wildlife Foundation) w/tape
14. America's Copper Coinage (1783-1857) by Richard Doty (ANS) w/script & tape
15. The Franklin Mint (no tape or script)
16. Embossed Shell Cards by Mitchell & Rulau w/script
17. Colonial Coins w/tape
18. Michaelangelo w/script
20. Welcome to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing w/tape.
21. Money In Early America (ANS) w/tape
22. Counterfeit Detection no tape or script.
23. Stamp Collection (Smithsonian) no tape or script
24. Confederate States of America Currency (ANS) w/script
25 Roman Medallions w/script
26. Roman Coins - Coinage of the Republican Rome (Seaby) no tape or script

Video Tapes

VT1 Ancient Coins and Modern Fakes (ANS)
VT2 Classic U.S. Gold Coins of the 20th Century (MRC)
VT3 Collecting And Grading U.S. coins
VT4 How to Create an Award Winning Exhibit
VT5 Organizing a Numismatic Presentation
VT6 U.S. Silver Commemorative Coins
VT7 Video Guide to Full Step Jefferson Nickels

In addition to the foregoing, the GSNA has a list of speakers that have made up a number of slide sets which may be of interest to your club The **GSNA Speakers' Bureau**. appears on page 18

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